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In re application of

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**RESPONSE TO ADVISORY ACTION AND RATIFICATION OF PREVIOUSLY FILED
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Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Advisory Action dated November 16, 2004, the undersigned hereby ratifies the paper previously submitted on November 1, 2004 and received by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office as indicated by reference to such paper in the Advisory Action. Ratification is made pursuant to MPEP § 714.01(a).

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In view of the ratification and prior submitted comments, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Alternative to ratification of November 1, 2004 paper, Applicant herewith submits a response to the Office Action of June 2, 2004. Timely consideration is requested.

Applicant further submits herewith a Petition for Three Month Extension of Time.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

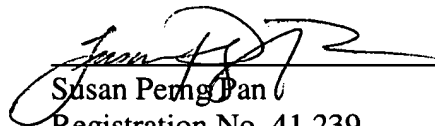
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